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[1](#)1. (C) Embassy received June 12 the following response to Ref B letter from U/S Joseph, signed by Giandomenico Magliano, MFA Director General for Multilateral Economic Affairs. Text of letter follows.

[1](#)2. (C) Begin text of Magliano letter to U/S Joseph.

May 26, 2006.

Dear Under Secretary,

I was very pleased to receive today your letter dated May 19th, 2006, where you briefly outline the U.S. priorities concerning the Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR) and the opportunity to update it. Those priorities, concerning in particular updated controls on cruise missile systems and on unmanned aerial vehicles, are shared by Italy.

We agree in considering as crucial the improvement and updating of MTCR technical criteria in respect of those issues. We await therefore with great interest the detailed proposals you are referring to, and are ready to study them in depth.

Meantime, I can assure you of the utmost importance we attach to such questions, as we are concerned about the possible misuse of cruise missiles and unmanned aerial vehicles.

Looking forward to continue our traditional close co-operation in all matters related to the non proliferation of weapons of mass destruction,

Sincerely Yours,

Giandomenico Magliano,
Director General for Multilateral Economic Affairs.

End text of Magliano letter to U/S Joseph.

[1](#)3. (U) Comment. Magliano's letter is consistent with MFA Coordinator for Non-Proliferation Tripepi's statements of support reported Ref A. We anticipate the GOI will play a productive role at the MTCR's Copenhagen Plenary, and encourage Department to transmit the details of the updated controls the USG will table at the Plenary. End comment.
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